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Val, Barbara:

1) 6/23: HC and HGAC agendas below. You'll have to share taxi if flying in this morning. I'll have a car for carpool afterwards.

My overnight lodging at:

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/alofthotels/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3127>

2) 6/24: 9 am: meet at TCEQ Houston (5425 Polk Ave, Houston, TX 77023) to fit PPE/wader boots. 10 am-12:00 pm: site visit. My return flight at 2 pm Hobby.

Thanks,

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Based on input by the companies that they do not feel comfortable talking about the TCRA and sampling because of EPA's ongoing review, I have changed the agenda for Item III and V to EPA discussion item. If as changed, you are ok with it, let us know asap and we will circulate it to the recipients.

I will check my email on Monday while on vacation and send it then. Hope to hear from you by

then.

Thanks,



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▼ "Livingston, Erin" ---06/09/2010 08:26:04 AM---

[cid:image003.jpg@01CB07AD.40C24040]Please join us on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, from 1:00 pm to 4:00

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Subject: PCB/Dioxin TMDL meeting: June 23

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Please join us on Wednesday, **June 23, 2010**, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm [here at H-GAC](#) in Conference Room A to discuss the TMDL projects for dioxin and PCBs in the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay. Larry Koenig of TCEQ and Hanadi Rifai of the University of Houston will make presentations regarding general progress and future plans for the TMDLs. In addition, Stephen Tzhone and Valmichael Leos of EPA and Felicity Dodson of USACE, will provide information about the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. The draft agenda is attached.

A brief review of the situation... PCBs and dioxin have been found in fish tissue in the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay, resulting in seafood consumption advisories being issued by the Department of State Health Services. Dioxin and PCB are generic terms for two suites of environmentally persistent compounds that have been associated with adverse health conditions. In response to the advisories, two total maximum daily load (TMDL) projects, one for dioxins and one for PCBs, have been initiated to determine the measures necessary to restore water quality in water bodies affected by the consumption advisories. Additional information about the TMDLs, including notes from the last meeting in December 2009, can be found at <http://www.h-gac.com/community/water/tmdl/hsc-ugb/default.aspx>

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You may be interested in providing comments on EPA's proposed rule regarding PCB use and distribution in commerce. The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, and can be found [here](#). Comments are due on or before July 6, 2010.

Please feel welcome to forward the meeting information to other interested parties—and please forgive any duplication.



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